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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Ex Parte Notice – MM Docket No. 02-277

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 16, 2003, I met with Commissioner Michael Copps and Jordan Goldstein to discuss the need for adoption of the 25% Independent Producer Rule to further the FCC's mandate to promote program diversity and competition in the narrow prime time television programming marketplace.

Subjects discussed during this meeting included: the current status of the narrow prime time television programming marketplace; the advertising marketplace for prime time television programming; the 25% Independent Producer Rule proposed by the Coalition for Program Diversity; the judicial sustainability of the 25% Independent Producer Rule; and the public interest benefits from the Commission's adoption of the 25% Independent Producer Rule. The attached summary was used during this meeting.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) this letter is being submitted for inclusion in the above referenced docket.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Gardner
Counsel for the Coalition for Program Diversity

Attachment

cc: Commissioner Michael Copps
Jordan Goldstein - Senior Legal Advisor